



THE MUSIC IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS TRUST
The Andrew Lloyd Webber programme



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MUSIC IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS TRUST APPOINTS RACHEL LANDON AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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Music in Secondary Schools Trust (MiSST) is thrilled to announce that Rachel Landon has taken on the role of Chief Executive this year.

MiSST was established in April 2013 with funding from the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation and The Charles Wolfson Trust. Now working with 13 London secondary schools with a disadvantaged and challenging student intake, it provides funding for classical instruments and support in the form of regular tuition, opportunities to perform and a programme of excellence that is unrivalled in the UK.

Rachel joined the team in June 2018. Having worked for a number of years at Highbury Grove School, and more recently The City of London Academy Highbury Grove, Rachel brings considerable senior leadership experience to the MiSST team. Rachel was the founding chair of the Highbury Grove School Foundation and raised significant sums of money to enhance the educational experience of the students. She also has a BA and PGCE from Loughborough University and is currently undertaking an MSc at CASS Business School.

Rachel's appointment marks an exciting new chapter in the history of the charity who recently welcomed two new schools onto the programme, Central Foundation Boys School and the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School, both located in Islington. MiSST is now active in 13 schools across the capital.

The programme has already had an overwhelmingly positive impact, visibly promoting pupils' social behaviour, integration, improving grades and attendance, and combatting gang culture. In Rachel's new tenure as Chief Executive, she will ensure this legacy continues to play a key part in each participating school's curriculum, as well as working towards expanding the programme beyond London.

Rachel replaces former Chief Executive Truda White who worked tirelessly to improve the lives of young people through the MiSST programme. Truda piloted her innovative music education programme in 2006 at Highbury Grove School during her time as head teacher. Throughout this time she has introduced 11 London schools to the programme and provided free classical instruments and tuition to over 5,000 young people. Truda will continue to take an active role in MiSST, leading on the expansion of the programme outside London so many more young people can benefit from the Andrew Lloyd Webber programme and additional MiSST programmes of Excellence, Saturday Music School, MiSST Create, developing composing skills, and the Student Leadership Programme.

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About the Music in Secondary Schools Trust

- MiSST was established in April 2013 with funding from the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation and The Charles Wolfson Trust and offers unrivalled music opportunities to London school pupils. Both charities have now given over £2.4m each to support the 'Andrew Lloyd Webber Programme' of music education, based on music programme which was developed at Highbury Grove School, promising every child an entitlement to study a classic musical instrument on entry, as well as tuition and the opportunity to play and perform as part of ensemble or orchestral groups on a regular basis.
- MiSST is now funded by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation, The Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust and the Dame Alice Owen Foundation. The charity's patron, Nicola Benedetti, also works with the young musicians to teach, encourage and inspire them.
- MiSST provides free classical instruments, tuition and opportunities to perform to 3,700 pupils in eleven participating schools across the capital that have a disadvantaged student intake. Including the alumni, the reach of the programme now stands at over 5,000 students, 5,000 instruments and 45,000 hours of tuition to date. It ensures that music remains a strong subject in schools and that the provision of the arts continues to be valued.
- In September 2013, Lister Community School, Newham, became the first partner school and then in September 2014 were joined by Mount Carmel Catholic School for Girls, Islington; Frederick Bremer School, Waltham Forest; Sedgemoor School, Lewisham and Arts and Media School, Islington. St Mary Magdalene Academy, Islington, joined the scheme in September 2015, as well as New North Academy, Islington, who joined for a year from 2015-2016 and continue to be supported through developmental work. Holloway School joined the programme in September 2016, followed by Whitefield School Barnet and Samuel Rhodes Special School in 2017. The programme welcomed Central Foundation Boys School and the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School, Islington, in 2018.

- The number of participating students has risen from 1,650 in 2014 to over 3,700 in April 2018. Including alumni, the reach of the programme now stands at 5,000 students across London to date.
- Subject to the continued success of the MiSST programme, the Dame Alice Owen Foundation plans to spend up to £3.8 million over 10 years to provide all secondary school students in Islington the opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

About the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation

- The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation was set up by Andrew in 1992 to promote the arts, culture and heritage for the public benefit; since inception Andrew has been the principal provider of funding for all its charitable activities.
- In 2010, the Foundation embarked on an active grant giving programme and has now awarded grants of over £19.5 million to support high quality training and personal development as well as other projects that make a real difference to enrich the quality of life both for individuals and within local communities. Significant grants include £3.5m to Arts Educational Schools, London to create a state of the art professional theatre, £2.4m to the Music in Secondary Schools Trust, £1m to The Architectural Heritage Fund, \$1.3m to the American Theatre Wing and over £350,000 annually to fund 30 performing arts scholarships for talented students in financial need. www.andrewlloydwebberfoundation.com